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Dear Mr. Navasky:

The state of The Nation is poor because it is badly edited. Specifically Kopkind's reply to Weisberg. He prattles (Harold's right!), "To pull out of Vietnam, Kennedy would have had to order a radical reversal of policy in 1963 or early 1964, which of course he did not do." This outrageous Goebbelsian lie is at the crux of Kopkind's long-winded if transparent smoke screen. But even if Andy isn't a liar, he's simply unqualified to write on this or any other subject of substance, being so miserably uninformed. Now that's your bailiwick, Mr. Editor and it's ironic how you tagged the 300-word letter writer's limitation onto the end of your charge's 900-word rebuttal.

Cognitive dissonance makes me nauseous. Dump Kopkind. He's too stupid to be entrusted with the vital work of maintaining our illusion of a free press. Doublethink demands a certain quality of craftsmanship. On the positive side, I salute your consistently effective efforts to obfuscate the primary motive for the assassinations of JFK et al as part of the generally well-run media cover-up these past 25 years. Certainly neither Mafia nor rogue CIA elements kindle this level of devotion. We all march to a far more powerful drummer. So why not at least try to be a bit more subtle for comforts sake.

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